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Announcements

The latest news and information from around the country.

Legislative Announcements

Key Legislation Introduced

Important new legislation has been introduced (as of November 2001) to: 1) provide for coverage of new medical technology under Medicare (H.R. 2973); 2) stabilize and improve the Medicare + Choice program (H.R. 2980); and 3) fully integrate beneficiaries of the Individual Case Management Program into the TRICARE program (H.R. 2987). For information about these resolutions or to contact your U.S. Senator or Representative, call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 225-3121.

President Bush Appoints Members to President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/10/20011003-12.html>

This newly created Presidential committee will collect information and study issues related to federal, state, and local special education programs with the goal of recommending policies to improve the education of students with disabilities. The Executive Order on Excellence in Special Education is available on the White House Web site.

Calls to Participate

Motivational Appraisal for Personal Potential (MAPP) Student Assessment System - Free to K-12 Schools

<http://student.assessment.com/>

International Assessment Network in collaboration with business and education is providing its personalized career exploration and learning styles program online for free to all K-12 schools. MAPP helps to meet high standards while allowing students to identify their strengths and motivations toward work, as well as matching their personal results to over 900?? Net job descriptions as defined by the Department of Labor. To enroll your school visit their Web site.

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The Resource Zone

Other National Resources

Access for All: A Resource Manual for Meeting the Needs of One-Stop Customers with Disabilities

Guide

<http://www.diversityshop.com/store/accessforall.html>

A comprehensive manual designed to assist One-Stop Systems to meet the needs of customers with disabilities. Provides information on programmatic issues, overviews of critical disability and employment-related issues, and an introduction to the Workforce Investment Act. Recommended for use by One-Stop administrators, front-line staff, and vocational rehabilitation personnel. Produced by the Institute for Community Inclusion. Cost: \$22.00.

Full Life Ahead: A Workbook and Guide to Adult Life for Students and Families of Students with Disabilities (June 2001)

Guide

<http://www.fulllifeahead.org/Full+Life+Ahead%2c+A+workbook+and+Guide+for+Students+and+Families+of+Students+with+disabilities.as+Page=5318b192-37f5-42a3-8240-ddca21dd7969>

This guide was created to offer parents and students the tools and information necessary to plan for their future. Developed and written by parents and students for other parents and students, this guide can help families successfully work through the transition process.

Moving on: The 2-4 Step (1998)

Video

This video helps to explain suggestions and steps to successful transition from 2- to 4-year colleges for students with disabilities. Includes two 11.5 minute versions, with one being audio described. Available from DO-IT at the University of Washington at 206-685-DOIT, e-mail: doit@u.washington.edu.

Planning Student-Directed Transitions to Adult Life (March 2000)

Brief

<http://ericec.org/digests/e593.html>

This ERIC/OSEP Digest (#E593) presents ideas on how service providers may facilitate student-centered planning and help students participate in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Authored by Cynthia Warger and Jane Burnette.

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What's Happening

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Get Wired!

Web Sites

Alliance for Technology Access (ATA)

<http://www.ataaccess.org/>

The Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) connects children and adults with disabilities to technology tools by raising public awareness and implementing programs and initiatives that provide access to conventional, assistive and information technologies, related services, and resources.

Strengthening the Safety Net: How schools can help youth with emotional and behavioral needs complete their high school education and prepare for life after school

<http://cecp.air.org/safetynet/safetynetnoframe.html>

A Web site offering research-based strategies to educate students with emotional and/or behavioral problems by maximizing resources already present in communities. Includes strategies for relationship building, social skills training, academic/vocational training, student goal setting, family involvement as well as links to related projects.

U.S. Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/>

The U.S. Department of Education's Web offers customized pages (My.Ed.gov) for teachers and families, technical assistance providers, and grantees. It also offers useful information, publications, and opportunities for involvement.

Listservs

Inclusion Daily Express E-Newsletter

<http://www.InclusionDaily.com/>

Inclusion Daily Express is the world-wide e-mail news service that reports on the exciting movement toward full community inclusion, self-determination, and disability rights. Visit their Web site for a free 2-week trial subscription.

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Funding Forecast

Additional Funding and Award Opportunities

Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program

<http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=jordan>

Aims to support teachers in America's public schools. Program awards grants of \$2,500 to teachers or paraprofessionals who work with public

school students in grades 6-12 and who demonstrate instructional creativity and exemplify high learning expectations for economically disadvantaged students. Grant deadline: June 15, 2002.

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